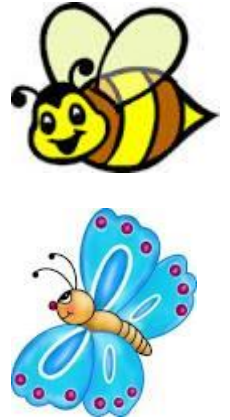


Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

The children have been learning about weight so we thought it would be nice if you had a go at some baking using weighing scales and talking about what is heavy and light and how things compare. Feel free to draw a picture or put a photo in your home contact book to show the adults at school.

Love Buzz and Bertie



Week beginning 31st January 2022

Dear Parents,

This week we have continued our 'Supertato' learning; boxing up the story, focusing on a different part each day and writing about our new villain. We made our very own Superhero shields during Busytime which we were so excited to create! The children also loved making fruit kebabs, when we talked about healthy foods and developed our cutting skills. The best bit, of course, was eating them!

Last week in maths we were learning about capacity and that capacity refers to how much something can hold. We used everyday language such as 'full', 'nearly full', 'half full', 'half empty', 'nearly empty' and 'empty'. This week in maths we have been learning about weight, using balance scales to compare the weights of different objects and using the vocabulary 'heavy', 'light', 'heavier', 'lighter', 'heaviest' and 'lightest'. We talked about how the size of the object doesn't always mean that something will be heavy! You can use this skill for maybe doing some baking and weighing the ingredients (Buzz and Bertie even asked if you could!).

In phonics this week some of the children have been consolidating some of the phase 3 sounds that they already know, while the other children were introduced to the trigraphs (air, igh, ear and ure). These have been sent home with the children today so you can talk about them at home and practice making and blending the words with your letter cards. The next few weeks will now be spent on all the phase three sounds and the children developing their confidence at reading (blending) and writing (segmenting) the words. We have been so pleased to hear the children talking about their eagerness to read at home this week! Well done to those children who have received a certificate for reading on 70 occasions at home!

We continue to be very grateful for any donations of junk modelling for our creative area. We can accept anything apart from egg boxes, dairy products and packaging from nut products.

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 8th February** - rescheduled Literacy workshop (sorry for the confusion on the date)
- Zoom code for the meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6301269588?pwd=M2lydmNkZmNiQWFORHVrdE1pQnAxQT09>
- Password: Sandgate
- **Friday 11th February**- Last day of term 3.
- **Tuesday 22nd February**- Foundation Vision and NCMP Screening. (You will get more information on this nearer the time).

Please remember that if you have any queries or questions you can always catch us at the end of the day, or write us a note in the home school diary.

Mrs Uttley, Miss Ralph, Mrs Coates, Mrs Wade and Mrs Fawcett-Jones